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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER  
37 CFR 1.27(g)(2)  
AND SUBMISSION OF DEFICIENCY PAYMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.28 (c)

Patentee notes that they are no longer entitled to small entity status.

Patentee requests under 37 CFR 1.28 (c) that an error be excused regarding Small Entity status in payment of the following fee for the above-identified patent.

As required under 37 CFR 1.28 (c) (1) and (c) (2), the deficiency payment is itemized as follows:

Fees Erroneously Paid as Small Entity	Current Fee	Fee Actually Paid	Date of Payment	Deficiency Amount Owed
Third maintenance fee	\$4,730.00	\$2,055.00	05/17/2011	\$2,675.00
Total				\$2,675.00

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